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A Midwinter Symposium of Activities in the Imperial Domain.

SYMPTOMS OF SEVERAL STRONG BOOMS

Another Supporter of the Salt Lake Irrigation Problem—Miners and Farmers in Happy Accord—Summary of Current News.

From all indications an unusually large immigration of eastern people of all classes to north Nebraska and South Dakota may be looked for during the coming spring. The Deadwood Pioneer observes that the first faint murmurs of the coming human wave are beginning to be heard in the last sixty days, as the Pioneer, over 100 families have been settled in western Nebraska and in the southwestern part of this state. This number is being increased daily by new arrivals. Even in this city the tide of immigration has been tending in this direction for some time, and is noticeable. Before the advent of the railroad one year ago, the people of this section lived in the same old-fashioned way, knowing each other intimately, now every other person who is met with on the streets is a stranger. The Black Hills will be the center of the immigration, which will even eclipse the rainy days of '77 and '86. She will have increased in population by that time. Wake up, Nebraska, and get ready for the torrent of the millennium, which is already in sight.

Wyoming's Arid Land. A writer in the Commonwealth Magazine presents instructive facts and figures in support of the proposition to confer on the states and territories ownership of the public arid lands within their boundaries, and that such ownership should be vested in the country at large as well as the people of that state. It has an area of over 60,000,000 acres, and is one of the largest tracts of land in the world. It is a vast, unproductive waste, and is a source of trouble to the people of the states and territories which it borders. It is a source of trouble to the people of the states and territories which it borders. It is a source of trouble to the people of the states and territories which it borders.

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Should the works close they will stay so long as a new line of transportation shall have been opened. The result will mean disaster to Anconada's people of all classes and a total derangement of business in Butte. It is doubtful whether the railroad company will be forced to issue, as their chief source of revenue and only source of assistance is the hauling of ore, fuel for the Anconada company. Nevertheless the people feel anxious over the outcome, as it means bread for thousands.

Miners and Farmers Meet. The hydraulic miners and the farmers of California have at last been brought to an amicable understanding. A convention of delegates representing both interests was held in San Francisco recently and an agreement reached to work together and revive the great industry which has been paralyzed for a decade. Careful estimates have shown that the farmers of the state lost about \$2,500,000 through rubbish from the mines thrown into the rivers, raising their beds and causing destructive overflows, but that the loss to the hydraulic mining interests by the closing down of the mines has been fully \$100,000,000. No system of drift mining can take the place of hydraulic mining, so the convention decided to appoint a committee to construct big dams for impounding the rubbish from the mines, as suggested by the federal commission on the subject four years ago. The plan is feasible, and the cost of the work could be shared by the farmers and the miners. The gold produced in California has steadily sunk to \$10,000,000 last year, as against \$30,000,000 in 1880. Millions of dollars are lying idle in the state, and the people are suffering. The plan is to build a dam which will allow the water to be used for irrigation, and the rest of the water to be used for power. The dam will be built on the Colorado river, and will be the largest dam in the world. The dam will be built on the Colorado river, and will be the largest dam in the world.

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Several specimens of platinum have been found on Sand creek. The Bristol mine is producing ore yielding thirty ounces of silver to the ton. The winter meeting of the South Dakota Federation will be held in Huron on February 15 and 16.

Sioux Falls is growing. The territory within the corporate limits now amounts to eleven and three-quarters square miles. South Dakota citizens held a rain convention the other day. A man named Montgomery offered to guarantee from one-half to two inches of rain at any attempt or no pay.

The state mine inspector, in his recently issued report, estimates the product of the Homestake mine at \$40,000,000. The prospectors are producing an average of \$50,000 per month.

The force of workmen at the rock quarries between Buffalo Gap and Hot Springs has been reduced to less than 100 men. The quarries are rapidly pushing their stone to the market.

Deadwood's prospective big hotel has changed its name to the Grand Hotel. Messrs. Barker and Junkins, who represent the motive power, have deposited \$5,000 as a guarantee of good faith and will push work on the building at an early date. The estimated cost is \$145,000.

Wyoming. Four feet of snow envelopes Gold Hill. Laramie is talking up an electric fire alarm.

A telephone line connects Casper with the county seat twenty miles away. A snub wad of Omaha capital is developing mineral properties in Gold Hill.

The authorities are on the trail of hunters who are illegally slaughtering game along the southern border. Carbon county has a bonded and floating debt of \$151,417 and \$49,800 cash on hand and \$18,802 in bills payable.

The receipts of the six federal land offices in Wyoming for the year were \$19,099.33 and the expenses \$18,211.25.

Considering the extreme cold weather and the numerous blizzards, cattle on the range are being brought in to winter quarters.

A new postoffice, called Rankin, will be established at the Sage creek crossing, sixteen miles north of Saratoga, on the stage route to Cheyenne.

The eagle's scream has ceased in Wyoming. The patriots who volunteered to march on Chili have diminished their rations of food and put up with their own.

A committee of ex-soldiers has been appointed by the Grand Army post of Cheyenne to formulate a plan for the establishment of a branch of a national soldiers' home in Wyoming.

Casper is enjoying lively times and the outlook is never better for a lively spring. The railroad is making a ranchman living beyond local use, which leads most Casper men to think the Northwestern is going to get a bump on itself this spring and build to Ogallala.

Irrigation by means of the ordinary rotary lawn sprinkler, on a large scale, is proposed by Harry Mullison, a ranchman living near Saratoga. Mr. Mullison's plan includes stand pipes thirty-two feet high with revolving iron sprinklers having nine-foot wheels, each sprinkler to irrigate one acre. It is reported that the Agricultural department of the Wyoming State university has made an appropriation sufficiently large to enable Mr. Mullison to erect two of his sprinklers on the state experimental farm at Saratoga.

Cat. The Rio Grande Valley will not build to the Deep Creek district for the present. The school bonds to the amount of \$300,000 were sold at par to New York parties.

A cave in the mountains near Huntville contains large quantities of almost pure silver. The democratic "salts" in the legislature are trying to head off a liberal victory in the local elections by pushing a bill extending the term of the present officers.

A ledge of salt has been discovered in the mountains east of Mount Pleasant. The ledge is between sixteen and thirty feet, and there is every indication of a coal mine in the neighborhood.

A fine strike of ore has been made in the Minnie mine, Carr Fork, Bingham. Twelve inches of ore was assayed in this strike, which showed in five assays from \$10 to \$100 per ton in gold and silver.

Between Salt Lake and Provo, candidates for the territorial capital prize, in Oregon Chamber of Commerce has no choice. In a resolution recently passed the chamber sarcastically declared, "either is a quiet and suitable location."

The total revenue of the territory from taxes last year was \$218,685.21. Out of this sum there was paid back to the counties for school purposes, \$100,000. There was also paid for compensation for collectors, \$412,388.11, leaving the territory a net revenue of \$218,685.21.

Owners of Peoria Park, in the Rimini district, report having struck a vein of high-grade ore, which assayed 90 ounces in gold, 375 ounces in silver. The vein is nine feet thick.

The most remarkable show ever made in the history of the operations of the Empire mine, near Marysville. The company's operations for the year 1919, during the first five months of the year, crushed 20,000 tons, and during the other five months of the year, crushed 4,000 tons a month. The cost of mining the ore was \$55,487.88; milling, \$42,082.34; other expenses, \$11,378.05; a total of \$108,948.27. This shows a profit of \$108,948.27 on the year on rock that assayed only \$4.29 a ton.

Idaho. The sewer system of Boise City will be completed this month. A jar demolishes is browsing around for a location in the state.

The output of gold for the year 1919 in Pritchard creek and neighboring gulches, locally termed the North Side, is estimated at \$250,000.

Tom Smith, formerly a newspaper rustler in Boise, is now rustling for a share of \$300,000 left by a Scotch relative who recently crossed the divide. Lucky boy.

B. McCaffrey and company, Chicago capitalists are expected in Idaho Falls about the middle of February to consider the feasibility of putting an extensive electric light plant in the city.

Surveyor General Pettit, acting under instructions of the Interior department, has issued a contract for the survey of 150,000 acres of the Fort Hall Indian reservation in southeastern Idaho. The people living in that part of the state are jubilant, as the opening of this great reservation is almost assured. Fine agricultural, timber and mineral land is embraced in the portion to be surveyed.

Gold mining nowadays means a very great deal more than mere gold digging, and the miner with a pick and shovel outfit is a very ancient number. The Lemhi Gold placer company of Idaho began a few days ago to construct a twenty-mile ditch to convey water to its mines at Lemhi. The ditch is to be ten feet wide at the bottom, will require 6,000,000 feet of lumber in construction, and will cost about \$300,000. It is expected that about six miles of the ditch will be completed about the 1st of next.

Along the Coast. Seattle is waging war on Japanese slavery in that city. The snow at Fish Lake on the Santiam route over the Cascade mountains is said to be twelve feet deep.

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